

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (previously submitted): A method for treating acne which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-acne effective amount of an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 13 (previously submitted): A method of treating seborrhoea which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-seborrhoea effective amount of an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 14 (previously submitted): A method for reducing the activity of anti-5- α -reductase which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-5- α -reductase effective amount of a preparation containing an anti-5- α -reductase effective amount of an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 15 (previously submitted): A method of claim 14 for treatment of unwanted hair growth in women which comprises: applying to the area of the skin where hair growth is not wanted a hair growth retarding effective amount of preparation containing an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 16 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains

proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 17 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 18 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains arganin A in a quantity of at least 6% by weight, based on the dry weight of the extract, as the saponin.

Claim 19 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains at least 3% by weight of proteins, based on the dry weight of the extract.

Claim 20 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 21 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by extraction of at least one plant part selected from the group consisting of leaves, stems, bark, flowers, fruits, fruit flesh and seed kernels.

Claim 22 (previously submitted): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by extraction of at least one member selected from the group consisting of seed kernels and defatted seed kernels from the fruit of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 23 (previously submitted): The method of claim 13, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 24 (previously submitted): The method of claim 14, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 25 (previously submitted): The method of claim 15, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 26 (previously submitted): The method of claim 13, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 27 (previously submitted): The method of claim 14, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 28 (previously submitted): The method of claim 15, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 29 (previously submitted): The method of claim 13, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 30 (previously submitted): The method of claim 14, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 31 (previously submitted): The method of claim 15, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of

the preparation.

Claim 32 (currently amended): ~~A cosmetic or therapeutic composition~~ The preparation useful in the practice of claim 15 comprising: a dermatologically acceptable carrier and ~~[[an]] a native protein containing~~ extract of *Argania spinosa*, whereby, application to the skin treats ~~at least one condition selected from the group consisting of acne, seborrhoea, and unwanted hair growth.~~

Claim 33 (new): The preparation useful in the practice of claim 14 comprising: a dermatologically acceptable carrier and a native protein containing extract of *Argania spinosa*, whereby, application to skin reduces formation of 5- α -reductase.